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THE VOICE OF PROTEST

Against the poison stream

PRESIDENT TRUMAN COULD HAVE SAVED McGEE

When this innocent Negro died, for a crime for which no white man in Mississippi has ever died, a part of American democracy died with him.

In the fight to save Willie McGee, we the American people, black and white, supported by the peoples of the world have learned what real brotherhood is, and how to fight for democracy together.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN — WE SHALL NEVER FORGET THIS DAY

THIS was the message sent to the President from Los Angeles, from one of the many groups that gathered all over America to keep the vigil as the minutes of McGee's life ticked away and hope finally died.

Did you read in your local paper about the vows of a great multitude of Americans, taken over McGee's martyred body, to stiffen the fight against the war-minded Administra-

Marine Cooks and Stewards Voice

tion's campaign to brutalize America?

Of course not. You know that America's press is itself the spearhead of the campaign; that it is now engaged more intensively than ever before in the giant conspiracy to black out the fact that there is a real opposition all over the land—to isolate every opposition voice and silence it through fear that it is alone.

HERE is what the Jackson (Miss.) Daily News wrote after the execution:

> Willie McGee has gone to a place where civil liberties and Communism are never subjects of discussion. Whatever complaint Willie McGee may have from now on will be concerning the prevailing temperature.

Although in a similar case at Groveland, Fla., the U. S. Supreme Court overruled convictions because the press incited hysteria, it took no action in face of the same press incitement throughout a six-year period in the McGee case.

The only difference between the press of the lynch states and of the North is that the latter phrase their incitements more genteelly.

The only cure progressives have for this daily stream of poison infecting wider and wider strata of our people with cynicism about human life, is a press of their own. Without it they will fight like the blind, their vows not to forget will be vows taken in the dark.

IF the commercial press had gone unchallenged, the Trenton Six—as one of their defense counsel said last week—would now be dead, victims of a frame-up so crude that in a better day it would have been laughed out of court and the perpetrators brought to justice.

If the challenge to the commercial press is not maintained, victims of the deliberate campaign of brutalization will become a parade to the jails, concentration camps and the electric chair. The people will not protest crimes they never hear about.

WHAT WILL YOU DO TO SEE THAT THE CHALLENGE GOES ON — THAT THE VOICE OF JUSTICE, HUMANITY AND PEACE SHALL NOT BE SILENCED BUT GROW STRONGER — UNTIL THE DAY WHEN AMERICA BECOMES OUR AMERICA ONCE MORE?

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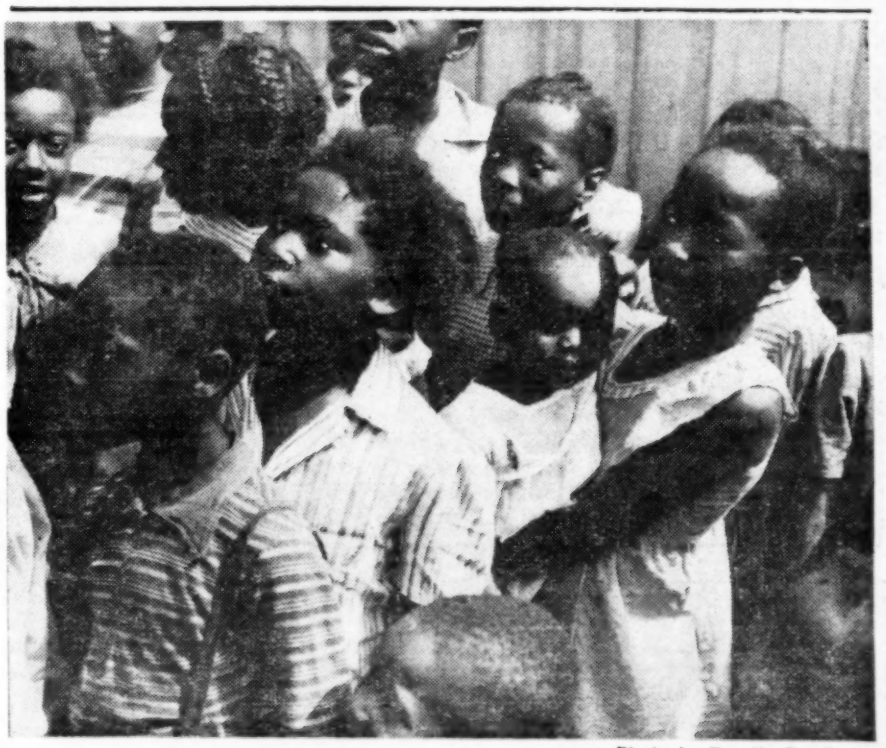

Photo by Rosalie Gwathmey

Will they grow up in a Willie McGee America?

These children of Charlotte, N. C., (like Willie McGee's four orphaned children), don't have an easy time. For them there are few playground facilities; the older ones take care of the younger, and all play in the unpaved streets around their houses. (This photo is from an exhibition of Rosalie Gwathmey's work being shown at the Photo League, 23 E. 10th St., New York, Mon. thru Fri., 3 to 10 p.m., until June 9.)

Willie McGee is dead

By Lawrence Emery

IN Laurel, Mississippi, a crowd of 500 Americans gathered before the courthouse where a fellow American was to be put to death because he was not white, like them, but Negro.

The portable electric chair was set up in front of the jury box from which the verdict, "Guilty," was pronounced five years before. A little before midnight Willie McGee, head shaved, was led in. He was calm and dignified. Between 85 and 100 persons were in the courtroom to see him die, among them the husband of the woman who had cried "rape." The switch was thrown. When the hearse moved away, the crowd on the courthouse lawn cheered.

THE BOND OF BONDAGE: Three thousand miles away, in Paris, the Assembly of the French Union—the government body of representatives of metropolitan France and overseas territories—stood for a minute of silence in memory of the Mississippi Negro. Newspapers from left to right were shocked and dismayed. At a mass meeting in the Salle Wagram—a huge portrait of McGee adorned the stage—Diop Cheick, general secy. of the Democratic African Rally, largest popular political party in French Africa, spoke to 1,500 people. French Africans in Paris were restive; on May Day, when celebrations marked the McGee case, police rounded up all on the streets (the year before, 15,000 of them had marched). Leading French figures (including writers Albert Camus, Jean Rostand, Jean Paul Sartre, Jean Cocteau, and the American Richard Wright) had protested. McGee petitions swamped the U.S. Embassy.

All Europe shuddered at the execution of an American Negro because of his color. In Mexico City the right-wing newspaper **El Universal Grafico** said editorially on May 9:

> **The execution of McGee is indication of the atavism that still rules a large part of the U. S. and whose origin is to be found in the archaic concept of racial inferiority. [It] is in flagrant contradiction to the spirit of justice that has predominated in the Commission on Human Rights at Lake Success. It signals out the U. S. as the only country in the civilized world to maintain discrimination, based on the most absurd prejudices, that leads to monstrous disproportion between offense and punishment.**
>
> **This has happened in Abraham Lincoln's country, where there is endless talk about the rights of the individual and the guarantees of human life and dignity.**

"LEGAL MURDER": In the U.S. the last day of McGee's life was one of feverish activity. In Washington Atty. Gen. McGrath, who stubbornly refused to release a Justice Dept. report on the case, was warned by Negro trade union leader William Hood that "unless you act, the American people will charge you with direct responsibility for the legal murder of Willie McGee." He didn't act.

At the White House, where the President was swamped with mail pleading for justice, 200 persons set up a vigil. At the Lincoln Memorial 45 war veterans chained themselves around its three great pillars while 250 others formed a solemn picket line. All day word was awaited from Mississippi's Gov. Fielding Wright on the result of a pardon hearing he was forced by law to grant; it never came.

In Jackson, Miss., 400 Negroes and whites from many Southern states tried to assemble on the capital lawns; between 40 and 50 were seized in "protective custody," released only on condition they leave the state immediately.

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WAR & PEACE

Marshall charts endless 'Operation Killer' in Korea

WASHINGTON'S WAR AIMS in Korea were revealed by Defense Secy. Marshall last week to be indefinit continuation of Operation Killer without hope of victory. In six days before the Senate investigating committees, Marshall admitted "the UN could not drive the Chinese out of North Korea" by either the Administration's program or MacArthur's. But Washington would neither withdraw from Korea nor seek a settlement until "terrific casualties" have been inflicted on the Chinese. Walter Lippmann, urging a settlement based on partition at the 38th Parallel, called the Administration alternative

> **. . . that we are going to kill so many Chinese in Korea that the war will end satisfactorily . . . as repulsive a way to announce our war aims as it is unconvincing.**

Censorship deletions in Marshall's testimony suggested that the military envisage using new "secret weapons". (The North Korean government last week cabled to the UN charges that UN forces were using bacteriological warfare, had caused 3,500 smallpox cases, 10% fatal, in and near Pyongyang, January to April.)

TOTAL STALEMATE: Marshall confirmed "the extraordinary difficulty we had in lining up" our UN allies, and that the U.S. had refrained from bombing China only because of Allied opposition and fear of the Chinese-Soviet alliance. He said the President in January ordered "direct aid" to Chinese anti-communists in and out of China, and acknowledged the U.S. never had any intention of yielding Formosa to the Chinese People's Republic or permitting Peking's entry into the UN. (In January it promised the UN bona fide discussions on these very questions.) James Reston, N.Y. **Times,** May 13, commented:

> **The logic of the Administration's policy of waging a limited war in Korea was to accept limited objectives. Gen. MacArthur, however, now has the Administration in the illogical position of wanting total victory without total war; of waging a limited war while demanding something very much like unconditional surrender; of promising MacArthur's goal without waging MacArthur's war in Manchuria. . . . Thus, the Administration is now confronted not only with a military stalemate but with a diplomatic stalemate as well.**

MAC LOVES HARRY: MacArthur ex-

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THE VOICE OF PROTEST IS IN PERIL

What will YOU do?

THE GUARDIAN is the last strong voice of opposition. It has to go on—and you are the only person who can keep it alive.

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That is why the GUARDIAN has to go on, why **you** have to see that it goes on.

TO keep the GUARDIAN alive through the summer months of this year of decision, we need $16,000.

The GUARDIAN needs this sum to insure our printing from now until Labor Day. We have to round it up now because:

(1) Newsprint is scarce—we have to secure it in advance and that takes cash: (2) This is our last chance until September to win your attention to a financial problem which may hit us with deadly force in July, when our mail slumps; if we wait until then to ask you for help, you will like as not be in the hills or at the beach, and we won't be able to reach you in time.

IF you were alone, $16,000 would be a big sum. But you are not alone. And $16,000 divided among the thousands of your fellow GUARDIAN readers—if all would share the load—would come to a trifling sum, far under $1 apiece.

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- **Do you agree that only YOU can see that it does go on?**
- **Then will you peel off a $1 bill right now, and MAIL IT RIGHT NOW, to NATIONAL GUARDIAN, 17 Murray St., New York 7, N. Y.?**

As long as protest remains alive, there is a chance for peace. Don't lose that chance.

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THE MAIL BAG

Mac's rival

CHICAGO, ILL.

Maybe you've heard this one:

Some people were trying to get into Heaven. St. Peter asked the first man what kind of work he did here on earth. "Why, I worked in a restaurant," he replied. "Sorry, but we can't use you right now," said St. Peter. The next one was a cab driver. St. Peter couldn't use him either. The third said he was a psychiatrist. "A psychiatrist!" exclaimed St. Peter. "Can we use you! God has been giving us some trouble lately. He thinks he's MacArthur!"

Carolyn Buhr

The Legion couldn't wait

JACKSON, MISS.

I am not surprised at the American Legion presenting Franco with a medal of Merit. But few tyrants are so highly honored while living. It was not until the second anniversary of his death that Genghis Khan, one of the greatest tyrants of history, was honored by the slaughter of 40 white stallions and the strangling of 40 beautiful maidens.

C. E. Palmiter

A mother's prayer

ASTORIA, ORE.

Sunday, as I was walking home from church with my tall young son, I noted the clean look in his blue eyes, and the quiet, manly dignity of him as he strode along beside me. I was aware that his thoughts were not of malice and hatred and war, but of Christian kindness. I knew that he had been glad to take Mom to church.

Very soon he may be called upon to choose whether he will abide by his Christian teachings or conform to the man-made edicts of our day. If he chooses to refuse to go to war, he will be shut away in prison with thieves, sexual perverts, and all manner of desperadoes. He will be shamed and branded as a common criminal, the proud banner of his fine young manhood dragged in the dust.

If he decides to go to war, he will become a killer of innocent people, a despoiler of homes, a poacher in another man's land, an oppressor of a people struggling for a better life, and a tool of the vested moneyed interests. To murder, despoil and oppress are not considered Christian virtues by one who reads his Testament.

The choice that lies before him is his alone. I cannot choose for him. I can only stand on the sidelines and remind him that I have always taught him to fear God rather than man, and I can pray that he chooses prison.

A Christian Mother

The non-existent cat

WASHINGTON, D.C.

I think the GUARDIAN is getting better — in contents, significance. Have hopes it will become more mature as time goes on. Wish I could do more for it.

The tragedy is that liberalism is so utterly bankrupt in leadership. And I am not able to find any solace in the escapist idea that we do not need great leaders. In fact we'll never get anywhere until we do find them. But the same is true in madicine and the ministry: all of them examples of the blind leading the blind, looking in a dark cellar for a black cat that actually isn't there—at least not in the form they insist he must exist in.

But we've got to keep on keeping on until the dawn of a new Day wakes us from our stupor. Good luck and more power to you—the situation calls for plenty of both.

Robert L. Moffet

The S. Korean massacre

ROYAL OAK, MICH.

Is not the commander of the South Korean troops who ordered the slaughter of 187 residents of a South Korean village under the control of Gen. Ridgway? If so, are we to understand that such conduct is condoned? Was the matter ever called to the attention of Gen. MacArthur? And how come that news of the "incident" took 10 weeks getting space on an inside page of the American press? I notice that plenty of front page space is given to tales of Chinese "purges."

D. I. Todd

Daily Worker, London

"Here's Ridgway's delayed blackout communique for the free press of the free world."

$50 across the border

MEXICO CITY

Realizing that the GUARDIAN has become such an integral part of our lives that we have a tendency to take it for granted, like our hearts, lungs and brains, we have decided to send the enclosed $50 as a sort of preventive medicine for this vital organ of the national conscience.

Yours for continued vigor, vitality and courage.

John and Jackie Roberts

Good Fight Foundation

SO. PORTLAND, ME.

There are many throughout the U.S. today who have fought for freedom of speech and belief and, as a result, have lost their jobs.

Some have been fortunate in finding others, enabling them to live. But how about the rest? I know of some, past their prime, who have had to rely on back-breaking chores, on marginal farming, on practically nothing. We who are still able to hold our head above water should help these people.

I propose a national foundation to tide them over until they become self-sufficient. The foundation would be composed entirely of volunteers. It would have a national (unpaid) board to coordinate it and state investigating and recommending boards (also unpaid).

It would be financed by voluntary contributions, but on a regular basis and should attract at least 1,000 contributors as a starter. Just think what this would mean if $4,000 monthly were realized!

Its existence would encourage many who may be confronted with the problem in the future. This is a sketchy picture, but it might form the basis for a real organization. Could it be a GUARDIAN crusade? It certainly should if GUARDIAN readers approve. I'll be glad to hear from other readers.

Ray Galley
12 Providence Av.

Give God a hand

NEWTON, MASS.

It is quite evident that the nation needs a leadership capable of building a road that will lead to peace and progress. How do we get this leadership? Do we wait for God to dish it out on a platter or do we concern ourselves with ways and means to build it?

Roland F. Stone

UMT and ostriches

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The article in the April 4 GUARDIAN, entitled, "UMT — America never liked the idea," does not impress me. One could just as validly write similar articles entitled, "Socialism—America never liked it," and follow up with Unitarianism, classical music and spinach.

My opposition to UMT stems from my mistrust of the fascist-minded thieves in control of our government today—the enemies of the American people and the people of the world.

A government representing the American working people would not need UMT. It would live at peace with other people's governments instead of aligning itself with the fascists of the world to resist the progressive world tide. If such a people's government were to face a formidable enemy, I would be in favor of UMT to resist him.

On the same page there appears a picture of an ostrich with its head buried in the sand. Ostriches do nothing of the sort. Human beings have invented this slander in an effort to mitigate their own stupidity.

Notwithstanding, I still say "Three cheers for the GUARDIAN. May it live long and grow strong."

Irwin Edelman

In every library

HARTFORD, CONN.

In order to increase the usefulness of the GUARDIAN it seems as though a copy should be on file in every public library reading room. Subscribers to your magazine should visit their local library and inquire if it subscribes to the GUARDIAN. If it does not the subscriber should send in a subscription for it. And then he should visit the reading room regularly to see that the GUARDIAN is kept on file and available to the reading public. This will be a service to the magazine as well as to the public.

Arthur J. Bliss

Keep the PRO happy

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Gen. Matthew Ridgway, successor to Gen. MacArthur, states that "there will be no change in basic policy." This fact was undeniably proved when Gen. Ridgway in one of his first acts upon assuming command, presented a medal to his own chief public relations officer.

Uriah Generman

Had a wonderful time

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This was an American family's May Day in Prague:

4 a.m. Nora (age 6) gets up to try on her peasant costume in which she'll march with a wreath in her hair.

4:30 a.m. Boys hanging out the window with decorations; old folks decide they might as well join. George fries bacon & eggs, fixes sandwiches; all on our way by 6, soon after which the streetcars stop running. We board a no. 19 (which has no business being in our neighborhood), ask where they are headed, get reply: "It depends on how it works out." People hanging out of streetcars, dropping off when the car takes a wrong turn for them. The streets are a grand, glorious and orderly confusion.

10 a.m. George has already marched with his group through Wenceslaus Square, carrying the N.Y. poster by Hugo Geller, "End Jim Crow—Bring the Boys Home from Korea" with a Czech placard above it explaining what it says. My group (Ministry of Information section) has been waiting two hours on Charles Bridge to proceed into the square. A band behind us plays polkas and everything else. Soldiers and young people dance waltzes, polkas, rounds, snake dances, square dances and swing-your-partner.

There are fleecy clouds in the bright blue sky over the flowing Moldau; the blue shirts of the Czech youth and their red, white and blue banners are vivid against the bridge's Gothic towers, the ancient St. Ignatius and St. Xavier statues looking down from their baroque pedestals. Planes fly in formation spelling out "Mir" (peace).

Noon to Midnight. You might conceivably get hundreds of thousands of people to march if they don't want to, but you sure can't get them to dance and sing in the streets till late at night unless they are feeling happy. The whole atmosphere is: "If we just have peace this will go on and on and better every year." The young people sing, dance, march from one cafe to another. A general swings a Czech Youth girl in a polka; another general rushes over and kisses a young recruit who has been shouting peace slogans. From a truck in the main square a gypsy quartet plays Dvorak selections. The castle lights up, floating like a fairy palace over the Moldau. The only police are traffic cops or those dancing with the kids.

An exhilarating and happy atmosphere. Had a wonderful time.

Eleanor Wheeler

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II: THE MILITARY PLOT FOR A FASCIST U.S.

Eisenhower is No. 1 candidate for U.S. 'Strong Man'

On April 3 Rep. Thomas Werdel (R-Calif.) documented before Congress the charge that the Pentagon is plotting to seize power, using as its bible a "carefully guarded plan" solicited in 1949 from Hitler's tank general Heinz Guderian. In fact, the stage is now almost set for a military-Big Business dictatorship. The GUARDIAN in a previous article (April 25, 1951) traced the development of the plot since the death of President Roosevelt, showing how during the cold war (which they launched) representatives of the military and of high finance have taken over all commanding positions in government. Below, the story is brought up-to-date with special relation to the roles of Gen. MacArthur and Gen. Eisenhower.

By Tabitha Petran

The frenzied enthusiasm [for MacArthur had] . . . almost a "man on horseback" quality.
Hanson Baldwin, N. Y. Times

* * *

This is the way Hitler came to power.
World War II veteran, in letter to N. Y. Herald Tribune

THE great "MacArthur controversy" has shown something new in the American people: a dangerous vulnerability to the "man on horseback" idea of Strong Man Government.

This vulnerability is a compound of cynicism about politicians generated by the Kefauver and Fulbright committee disclosures; weariness with the Korean war, continued crises, soaring living costs; widespread disgust with the poverty of leadership and policy in Washington. MacArthur, the Wall St. **Journal** wrote recently,

> **. . . has become a symbol for the loosing of a long pent-up revulsion at the ineptness, the littleness, the callous disregard of honesty and decency among many of those in positions of trust. . . . Like a sweep of fresh air into a fetid room, a tonic to the national pride and morale, comes a man who talks and acts like the embodiment of the stern West Point creed: duty, honor, country.**

THE THEORY OF FORCE: Yet realistic appraisal shows that MacArthur is little more than a useful temporary spearhead for the Pentagon-Big Business alliance which is moving the country to a total war footing. The President's reference last week to this plan for "complete mobilization," long kept under wraps, suggests the final step is now being prepared.

The Natl. Security Act of 1947 transferred the authority of the War and Navy Depts.' civilian cabinet-rank heads to the service chiefs of staff. Together the service chiefs—Gen. Collins, Army, Gen. Vandenberg, Air Force, Adm. Sherman, Navy—and their chairman Gen. Omar Bradley, chief of staff to the President, make up the Joint Chiefs of Staff, one of the most powerful organizations in the world. Of this swelling power former Under Secy. of State Sumner Welles said on Nov. 9, 1948:

> **"So long as the principles, the objectives, and the implementation of our foreign policy are decided for us by the officials who are responsible for the national defense, and who speak for the armed services, American foreign policy will be negative rather than positive, and founded upon the theory that force is the only effective instrument of policy."**

ABDICATION: The Joint Chiefs, according to Joseph Alsop in April, 1949, made the decision to rearm Western Europe, including Germany. Both Marshall and MacArthur bowed to their power during the Senate investigation. Marshall revealed that they played the decisive role in reversing Administration policy on Formosa. To his knowledge, the President had never overruled them. Walter Lippmann recently chided Sen. Taft for his view that the Joint Chiefs are

> **. . . a kind of tribunal of experts, independent of and superior to the President and his Secy. of State, and that they may be expected to lay down the law of national policy whenever there is—and there always is—a strategic consideration involved.**

MARSHALL AND EISENHOWER
Sometimes the amiable face is not so amiable

. But Lippmann admitted this is exactly the role they play in the Truman Administration which "has abdicated its responsibility and thrown [it] upon the Generals and upon the Admirals." The Joint Chiefs in practice have an independence and power similar to that of the Great German General Staff. The Natl. Security Act was in fact closely patterned on Nazi blueprints for organizing total war; and two years later the Pentagon was soliciting the plan of Nazi General Guderian, which as Rep. Werdel said

> **". . . tells how to organize the entire nation under military command so that its people, its economy, its policies and its thinking may be directed by the high command."**

PLANS IN THE VAULTS: The Guderian-Pentagon plan is based on the militarist concept that total war requires total mobilization in peacetime. It calls for the President to turn over his function as Commander-in-Chief to a general and for armed forces control of the national economy, manpower, transportation "whether land, sea or air," intelligence and the press ("there will have to be an agency for uniform direction or influencing of the press").

Some of its features are already being implemented. Today, Mobilization Chief Wilson and the military determine manpower policies over the protests of labor leaders. Werdel hinted that the Pentagon has a much tougher labor draft law ready to spring at the first opportunity, urged Congress to use its subpena power to "determine how many more secret laws for emergency enactment" the Pentagon has in its vaults.

"Complete mobilization" would permit the long-planned Pentagon-Big Business dictatorship to be clamped down. MacArthur has become the cutting edge for their plans—preaching that World War III has already started, crusading for all-out war, demagogically mobilizing support for the extreme right. Although he has been played up as opposing the military-finance groups which have won power under Truman, even conservative papers admit the basic similarity of the Truman and MacArthur policies.

THE "CIVILIAN": Out of this staged controversy, Gen. Eisenhower emerges as the candidate of the top financial groups to effect Strong Man Government. He has been carefully groomed. In 1948 he said military men should not aspire to the Presidency except in face of some overriding consideration, hinted he would take the job only as a "non-partisan" candidate. Then he resigned as Chief of Staff, became president of Columbia University, thus qualifying as a "civilian." (He still holds that post on leave.)

At Columbia, he is in close touch with Morgan and Rockefeller kingpins who control its board. His principal backers are Thomas J. Watson, president of Intl. Business Machines, a Columbia trustee, and Victor Emanuel, front man for the international Schroder banking interests. Watson is in the top Morgan hierarchy. Emanuel and the Schroders are associated with the Rockefellers. On the military side, Eisenhower has the backing of Marshall, who left the State Dept. to become a director of Pan American Airways, meeting ground of the top ruling families. The House of Morgan holds the principal interest in Pan Am.

IKE'S CAREFUL TRAINING: In speeches throughout 1949, Eisenhower demonstrated his fitness and the views of his backers by criticism of social security, labor, Negroes, federal subsidies. Apparently having read Huey Long's prediction that a dictator could come to power in the U.S. only by calling for a revolution to prevent dictatorship, he said on Dec. 9, 1949 he hoped "we may never come to a point where we must rise up and by revolution make sure that we have no centralized government or centralized bureaucracy." This year he was moved up to the key post of commander of all Atlantic Pact armies, whose production coordinator is a Morgan man. James Reston wrote in the N.Y. **Times**, Feb. 2, 1951:

> **In many ways his power already transcends that of either the Secy. of State or the President.**

It is significant that MacArthur's testimony was rushed to Eisenhower, being built up as the "final power" and "lesser evil" to MacArthur. Between the two generals a "struggle" about as phony as the usual professional wrestling match is being shaped. The fact is that MacArthur's extreme right-wing supporters (anti-labor "Mohawk Valley" Remington Rand; fascist-supporter, anti-semitic Merwin K. Hart; Frank Gannett's Committee for Constitutional Government; anti-British Chicago **Tribune's** McCormick, etc.) would like nothing better than to stage a MacArthur "putsch"—as was planned in the attempted Morgan-Dupont putsch in 1934. But the dominant capital groups are firmly behind Eisenhower and would prefer to continue the illusion of constitutional forms and elections.

"AMIABILITY" PREFERRED: Eisenhower can run in '52, or if a "strong man" is needed sooner, can take over the President's responsibilities as Commander-in-Chief as recommended in the Guderian Plan. Meanwhile, MacArthur serves to build up the need for a "strong man" and push the country further toward the war and dictatorship plans of the dominant groups. Unless a great popular sweep for MacArthur should cause the dominant groups to change their minds, the real money will remain on Ike's amiable face rather than Mac's emperor's robes.

The brakes to the drive to war are being applied not by Marshall and the Joint Chiefs of the Truman Administration but by Chinese resistance in Korea, the strength of the socialist world, the opposition of people everywhere to war. The brakes to dictatorship at home can only be applied by a determined struggle of the American people.

CHICAGO

Women open war on eating costs

ON key South Side corners Chicagoans crowded to sign "empty shopping bag petitions" addressed to President Truman. The petitions read in part: "This empty shopping-bag would be full, Mr. President, if you used your executive power to roll prices back."

Launched by the newly-organized South Side Consumers Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Beatrice Brookins (4714 Forestville Av.) and Mrs. Ruth Miller (4706 S. Drexel Blvd.), the petitions were opening guns in what the **Sun-Times** called "a national war against the high cost of eating." On the committee's schedule are a price-roll-back meeting, Tuesday, May 15 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 4427 S. Drexel Blvd., and a meatless week from May 21-28. After the 28th, the committee will urge shoppers to buy no meat more expensive than 59c a pound.

Jimcrow entered the price picture with the committee's discovery that a store in a Negro shopping area listed prices 5c to 15c higher than a store of the same chain in a white neighborhood six blocks away. A special subcommittee went to work.

PEACE: All efforts by Chicago Progressives pointed to the Peace Congress, called by the American Peace Crusade June 29, 30 and July 1 at Chicago Coliseum. Trade unionists rallied support for the Coliseum Congress at a separate meeting May 9. Illinois PP members rang doorbells, using NATIONAL GUARDIANS and peace ballots, concentrating on congressional districts 1, 2, 6, 9 and 12; wards 9 and 10.

OVERTHROWERS: The Broyles Bills, modeled on Maryland's Ober Law, passed the Illinois Senate last week 44 to 15 and were sent to the House. The bills would make membership in "subversive groups" after next Jan. 1 a felony punishable by 20 years' imprisonment and a $5,000 fine; set 20 years and $20,000 fine as the penalty for attempting to overthrow the government "by any unlawful means"; exact special loyalty oaths with perjury traps for public employes and candidates for state office.

The vote crossed party lines. Gov. Stevenson registered mild opposition during the last session of the Legislature but has made no comment this time. Popular opposition includes not only the PP but the Southside Council to Protect American Freedoms to which are affiliated: American Civil Liberties Union, Quaker groups, Southside Council of Jewish War Veterans, parent-teacher associations, chapters of the American Jewish Congress, the B'nai B'rith, Americans Veterans Committee and Local 65, CIO United Steel Workers.

On May 17 at the Community Church progressives were to commemorate the death of three who died in an automobile crash while on their way to fight the Broyles Bills. They were Mrs. Coleen Allen, ILWU shop steward; Lionel J. Milin, exec. secy. of the Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act, and Paul Steiner of the 39th Ward PP.

Marshall charts endless Korea war

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pressed gratification at the Administration's 'toughening" policy to China. The toughening came in face of a curious Republican coolness to the GOP hero at the practical political level. The N.Y. **Times'** Anthony Leviero reported May 13 from the GOP national committee meeting in Tulsa, Okla.:

> Visitors from Washington where the MacArthur issue is still boiling were surprised to find that the delegates, lately arrived from the grass roots, wanted no part of it as a definitive party issue.

Drawing by Fred Wright

In the UN, Britain and France dropped their opposition to the U.S. demand for an economic embargo against China, assuring its passage in the Sanctions Committee and the Assembly. An explosive debate was predicted in the Assembly if the 12 Arab-Asian nations—which, along with the socialist nations, oppose the embargo—decide to fight it.

A Senate vote to cut off all U.S. economic aid to nations shipping strategic goods to socialist countries was followed by a British ban on rubber exports to China. The Senate action, said the **Times** from The Hague, "irritated" Western Europe: "Most Europeans will view [it] as a clear case of a U.S. dictation as a condition for aid."

TIME TO SAY NO: The British Labour government, moving to the right since the Cabinet split, yielded all along the line Foreign Secy. Morrison said Britain would drop the issue of turning Formosa over to China for duration of the Korean War. The **New Statesman & Nation's** lead editorial declared: "This is the time to say NO to America," insisting Britain must refuse to go further with Washington. The London **Times** lined up with the Left, holding that "this may be our last chance to demand that the U.S. offer China terms it can accept." The **Manchester Guardian** and the London **Economist** urged closer relations with the U.S.

Labour's left wing accused the government of a sell-out, of joining the Americans in making peace in Korea impossible. But the government seemed ready to follow the U.S. lead in rejecting last week's Soviet note, which called for the foreign ministers of the U.S. Britain, China and the U.S.S.R. to meet in June or July to draft a peace treaty for Japan. Urging a peace based on the Cairo, Potsdam and Yalta accords, Moscow said the U.S. draft treaty is illegal —a "diktat" in capable of bringing peace in the Far East since it excludes China. Earlier, Peking's **People's Daily** called the U.S. draft a violation of the Allied pledge not to seek a separate peace or territorial aggradizement, a treaty of war aimed against China and the U.S.S.R., designed to subjugate Japan and disrupt Asian economy.

FADING CONFERENCE: Less than 24 hours after its receipt, the State Dept. rejected the Soviet note as a "mockery." It showed equal determination to block a four power foreign ministers' conference on Germany's demilitarization and disarmament. While Secy. Marshall on Capitol Hill painted a lurid picture of alleged Soviet armies ready to strike, Secy. Acheson served notice the U.S. would not agree to discuss disarmament at the proposed conference.

Moscow, said Acheson, demanded the West halt its rearmament as a condition for the conference (in fact, it has asked simply that disarmament be included on the agenda). Western refusal even to talk about disarmament remains the key issue blocking the conference, although Western press reports have sought to obscure this.

GHOSTS: Under the U.S. arms drive, the clock of Western European history turned steadily backward. Austrian Nazis drew a large vote in elections to replace the late President Renner. The Socialist Reichs Party in West Germany, whose avowed aim is restoration of National Socialism, got 366,000 votes—11%—in elections in Lower Saxony, while the almost equally Nazi Association for the Homeless got 496,000 (14%).

In France, the government finally put through its "electoral reform" openly aimed at depriving the Communists, largest party in the country, of representation in Parliament. The law abolishes proportional representation, giving any party coalition with 51% of the vote all the seats in Parliament in each department. It may well pave the way for a "legal" coming to power of de Gaulle.

A similar law passed in Italy last winter aims to oust Communists from local government in the May 27 elections for control of 7,500 communes. The Communists today control 1,200 of these, including many of the most important—Bologna, Venice, Leghorn, Terni, Genoa.

BRITAIN—"NO ESCAPE": In Britain the Labour government was in a desperate dilemma, knowing that rearmament would destroy the social services and the embargo on trade with the socialist world would bring unemployment. GUARDIAN's Gordon Schaffer wrote:

> There is no escape for any of the Labour leaders because none is prepared to repudiate the policy of war alliance with America. "Rebel" leader Aneurin Bevan's dilemma is that, having committed himself to the policy of war preparations and alliance with the U.S. against the U.S.S.R., he cannot give leadership to an alternative policy although the whole labor movement is waiting for leadership. He must either isolate himself or follow the masses to real opposition to the policy which is leading to disaster.

As the crisis deepens in Britain, a government clash with the trade unions —whose rank and file refuse to accept quietly cuts in living standards — seemed inevitable.

THE RESTIVE PEOPLE: Soaring living costs for the people, mounting profits for big business, the brutality of new and old fascisms, were producing reactions in Anglo-U.S. strongholds throughout the world.

In **Spain** a four-day strike of 30,000 in Pamplona won freedom for imprisoned strike leaders and promises of price cuts. Police and the Civil Guard who fired on strikers were unable to break their discipline.

Daily Worker, London

"You need a complete rest, m'lord, and don't go lookin' at the Iranian oil shares again."

In **Iran,** a demonstration of 30,000 in Teheran on May Day was followed last week by another of 60,000 (United Press) which demanded ouster of U.S. military advisers and recognition of China. The new Premier, Mossadegh, has pushed through oil nationalization despite open British threats to use force.

In **Egypt** the Foreign Minister demanded British withdrawal from the Suez Canal. Debate in Parliament found government and opposition demanding neutrality in the East-West conflict.

In **Panama** a disciplined popular revolt blocked an attempt by President Arias to abrogate the constitution and set up a dictatorship. The Assembly voted to impeach Arias and install Vice-President Arosemena, a pro-American, in his place. But the people retained the democratic 1941 Constitution.

In **Bolivia** the largest Presidential vote (not enough for election unless it it is an absolute majority) went to Victor Paz Estenssoro, an exile living in Argentina, a liberal with socialist leanings who ran with announced Communist support.

Even in **South Korea,** the National Assembly revolted against President Syngman Rhee, with many demanding his resignation or impeachment. The trouble started over which among the Rhee politicians had stolen the $2,000,000 embezzled by false registration of draftees in the National Guard—forcing the Guard's dissolution. It grew into a revolt against Rhee's dictatorial acts and the character of his appointees. (Robert Allen reported in the N.Y. **Post** that still-censored parts of the Wedemeyer Report on Korea dealt with the character of Rhee's associates and the impossibility of his winning "honest elections.")

"MERCY" — 1951: In Manila a Philippine court sentenced six Communist leaders to death, nine to life imprisonment, 11 others to lesser sentences, after finding them guilty of the "complex charge of rebellion with multiple murder, arsons and robberies." The N.Y. **Times** found the sentences "just, and in some cases merciful."

It was the new American standard of "Operation Killer" justice and mercy. Recalling that even Hitler's Germany did not sentence Communist leader Ernst Thaelmann to death, and that Dimitrov won his freedom from a Nazi court, some Americans drew frightening comparisons.

This is how Chicago's doing it

Mrs. Thomas Woods signs a petition for a price rollback and pledges not to buy meat during the week of May 21-28. Looking on (l. to r.) are Mrs. Beatrice Brookins and Mrs. Ruth Miller. (See story on p. 3.)

FIRST OF 'SIX' TESTIFIES

Trenton defendant was 10 miles away

WHEN defense counsel George Pellettieri rose on Tuesday to present a masterly all-day argument for a directed acquittal verdict for all defendants, the rebel yells with which Mississippians had welcomed the electrocution of Willie McGee a few hours before echoed in the Trenton, N.J., courtroom for all present at the murder trial of the Trenton Six.

Pellettieri pointed out that the State had produced no witness linking any of the Six to the crime, of which it had offered seven conflicting versions; that the alleged motive of robbery was unproven and absurd since $1,642 in neatly-folded bills was found by police in the victim's pockets; and that a doctor called by the State had testified none of the five who "confessed" (three "confessions" were already ruled out because of his testimony) was in condition to perform any act of free will at the time.

Judge Ralph J. Smalley ignored all the arguments and in less than five minutes ruled there was a "sufficiency" of evidence to go to the jury.

HE WASN'T THERE: Horace Wilson, 39, who after his arrest accepted none of the special food, drinks and cigarettes given by police to the other five and signed no "confession," was the first of the Six to be called by defense. He said he never knew any of the defendants before his arrest, named eight men with whom he worked on a farm 10 miles from Trenton the morning of the crime.

Cross-examining for a day and a half, prosecutor Volpe did not even question him on his alibi but only on his personal background. Wilson has had only eight weeks of schooling and can read or write nothing but his own name. But he showed such dignity and intelligence that when he left the stand a delegation, including every reporter covering the trial except those for the two Trenton papers, sent him word that they considered him the most impressive witness yet heard.

WHAT A "FATHER" HEARD: On Friday the defense called a surprise witness, Mrs. Rubie English, who was brought from the Georgia backwoods and testified from a wheelchair. She is the estranged wife of George Washington English, father of one of the Six, who testified for the State (not covered in the GUARDIAN due to lack of space May 9).

George English, 58, has a criminal record dating back 25 years, including two convictions for carnal abuse of his own minor stepdaughters; he abandoned his family when his son Collis was less than a year old. He had testified that he knew and had seen together all of the defendants before the crime; that he found in a closet in his house in April, 1948, a bottle in a sock (mentioned as a murder weapon in Ralph Cooper's "confession") and a green coat belonging to Cooper (police teletype alarms said the getaway car driver wore a green coat). He also said that two and a half weeks before the murder he overheard from his cellar, because of a missing pipe in the heating equipment, a conversation in the living-room in which Cooper allegedly said to a woman living in the house: "I have some robbing to do up on Broad St., a second-hand store."

The judge had blocked the defense from probing the circumstances under which English was released from state prison about two years before he would have been first eligible for parole.

PHOTOGRAPHIC LIES: Mrs. Rubie English on Friday gave the flat lie to everything her estranged husband had said. It was impossible, she testified, to have heard a conversation in the living-room from the cellar; the photographs produced by the State were misrepresentations of the appearance of the house at the time; and the coat and bottle in a sock could not possibly have have been in the closet prior to August, 1950, where they had been placed by the prosecution.

Willie McGee

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A cop told one Southern woman who had lived in Jackson as a child:

"And you're down here defending a nigger?"

"I'm down here defending a Negro."

"Then you ought to be shot."

"HE'S GOT TO DIE": In New York City the American Labor Party picketed the Democratic and Republican state committee headquarters, got nothing from either. In Harlem a mass vigil began early. A New York woman got a phone call through to Mrs. Wilmetta Hawkins, whose cry of "rape" started McGee toward death. She asked: "Don't you want to pray with me?" Mrs. Hawkins replied: "He's got to die to clear my name."

Late in the day New York attorney Bella Abzug filed a last appeal with Federal District Judge Sidney Mize in Jackson, arguing that vital testimony had been suppressed. Judge Mize rejected it. Other lawyers in New Orleans appealed to Circuit Judge Wayne Borah. He said No.

A LIFE & A MINK: Meanwhile in Washington attorneys Vito Marcantonio, Ralph Powe and James Wright were desperately seeking a stay of execution from the Supreme Court. It was 7 p.m.—a scant five hours before the execution—when they got to Justice William O. Douglas. He would not act. By 7:30 they had reached Justice Hugo Black, who has jurisdiction over the South. He turned them down. A little before 11 p.m., when it was known the last legal effort in the South had failed, they reached Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson. He, too, refused.

At 11:15 Marcantonio got a phone call through to David Niles, a secretary to the President, who said:

"The President has not and will not intervene. There's no use in discussing it any further."

Marcantonio reminded him there were "no pastel mink coats involved here, merely an innocent man's life." When he hung up, the former Congressman was bitter:

"He (the President) can intervene for the thieves who surround him, but he'll do nothing to save an innocent man."

In a final forlorn effort, Marcantonio fought through a phone call to the Mississippi Governor. The Governor would not be moved. Marcantonio said:

"If you have made up your mind, then goodbye, Governor. May God have mercy on your soul."

"UNTIL WE'RE FREE": News reached a great vigil in the streets of Harlem some time after 2 a.m. Some cursed, others wept. All vowed the fight would go on until jimcrow in the U.S. is finally destroyed. Said William L. Patterson, who as head of the Civil Rights Congress had led the long six-year fight:

"While the world stands aghast at the monstrous legal lynching which has just taken place in Mississippi, we Americans must unite as never before to wipe out our national shame of jimcrow. The beginning of unity between American trade unions and the Negro people, which was forged in this struggle for McGee, must be deepened and cemented."

He said memorial meetings and work stoppages will be held all over.

In one of Detroit's largest theaters next day, the international star Josephine Baker stepped to the front of the stage before her performance and stunned the audience with a 10-minute talk in which she said:

"They have killed one of my people, Willie McGee. He was executed. I feel very deeply about it. I feel very deeply for my people. . ."

Mrs. Rosalee McGee, Willie McGee's wife and mother of his four children, had a simple message for all who had fought with her:

"We must all keep on fighting until we're all free."

"KEEP FIGHTING": Willie McGee was buried Saturday in a little rural cemetery 35 miles north of Laurel where he had lived and died. On his last day he had written to his wife:

You know I am innocent. Tell the people again and again I never did commit this crime. Tell them the real reason they are going to take my life is to keep the Negro down in the South. They can't do this if you and the children keep on fighting.

Your truly husband,
Willie McGee.

THE LAW

Condemned 'A-spies' see 'tragedy for all'

FOR the first time in the history of the U.S. as a nation, two persons, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, husband and wife, were under death sentence by a civil court on a charge of espionage during war-time. They both denied passing atom-bomb secrets to the U.S.S.R. while that country was a U.S. ally in World War II. Chief witness against them was Mrs. Rosenberg's brother, David Greenglass; for his services he received the relatively mild sentence of 15 years. A third defendant, Morton Sobell, got 30 years.

Although the execution, set for the week of May 21, is automatically stayed pending an appeal. Mrs. Rosenberg was moved a month ago into the Sing Sing death house. In her cell there she has occupied the entire building alone, without any occupation and seeing no one but the matron in charge.

"WE ARE INNOCENT": Many citizens were shocked by the sentences; few would buck prevailing hysteria by speaking up. Among the few were the New York Yiddish-language **The Day** ("We hope a way will be found to set aside the penalty"), and Harold Havighurst, Dean of Northwestern University Law School, who said:

"I don't think the Espionage Act applies to spying for an ally. If I were the judge, I would have felt bound not to give the death penalty."

Mrs. Rosenberg herself issued this statement through her attorney:

My removal to the Death House is evidence of vindictiveness on the part of federal authorities. . . . If this removal is designed to "break" me, the authorities are in for a sad awakening because I have nothing to tell them except what I have stated through my attorney. . . . My husband and I . . . have always maintained our innocence and we will always maintain our innocence.

. . . We are victims of the grossest type of political frame-up ever known in America. In our own way we will try to establish our innocence. But we ask the people of America to realize the political significance of our case and come to our aid.

THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW: Mrs. Rosenberg said events since the trial have substantiated her and her husband's courtroom defense, and added:

We claimed at the trial, and now claim, that my brother found himself enmeshed in spying activities and had to find a scapegoat to mitigate his punishment. My husband and I were picked as the scapegoats because of our radical ideas. . . . If we are permitted to remain as scapegoats in this tragedy, how many progressive people will follow in our wake in terms of being made victims? [We] are only two people, but this case has significance which far transcends our personal lives. The entire population of America will be adversely affected by our persecution, which represents the ugliest and most violent form of legal lynching.

The concern of my husband and myself is mainly about our children, who now find obstacles in their way to visit us at a time when they need our warmth and love and when we in turn need their love.

86 years of justice in U. S. A.

Mrs. Ethel Rosenberg (r.) has been sentenced to the electric chair after conviction for "espionage" for an ally in war-time. No woman has been put to death by federal court order since the execution of Mrs. Mary Surratt (l.) in July, 1865. Mrs. Surratt's crime: participation in the assasination of Abraham Lincoln.

"CRUEL AND INHUMAN": Last week a hearing was in progress before Federal Judge John C. Knox on a charge by Emmanuel Bloch, attorney for the Rosenbergs, that Mrs. Rosenberg's removal to the death house was "cruel and inhuman treatment" designed to break her down to the point of making her talk. Dr. Frederick Wertham, noted psychiatrist, testified that if the death cell confinement is prolonged enough it "will lead to a nervous breakdown and in all probability drive her insane."

FARM

Court backs Stover against Patton crew

LAST FALL the top leadership of the National Farmers Union set out to "get" Fred Stover, president of the Iowa state organization, for his opposition to intervention in Korea and to the Truman war program (he is a member of the top committee of the World Peace Council).

NFU president James Patton attacked him publicly, threatened to revoke the Iowa charter. But the state convention backed Stover. A dissident group of seven members challenged Stover's leadership, "elected" Leonard Hoffman president, sought to seize control of the funds. A temporary injunction halted them.

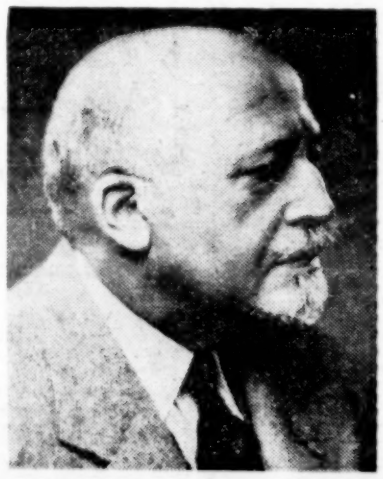
Last week, after seven months during which the union's activities were hampered, the injunction was made permanent. Judge Loy Ladd ordered the Hoffman group to "cease interfering with the affairs of the organization."

FULL VINDICATION: Said Stover:

"The court's decision was a clear-cut vindication of the Farmers Union traditional position for world peace and full farm parity. But it is more than that. . . . It is a victory of democratic constitutional processes of the rank and file over the dictatorship of a conspiring few who want to make our organization the farm front for the Pendergast machine."

The Iowa Farmers Union Defense Committee pointed out that Hoffman is a private seed dealer who has "a real economic interest in gaining control of a farm organization whose membership uses seed."

With the union's funds unfrozen, Stover announced the organization would swing into the fight against President Truman's recommendation to freeze parity prices for a full marketing year instead of adjusting parity figures once a month as at present.



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Frank Costello, gangster and underworld boss, is a free man. Even after his shameful performance before the Kefauver Committee, he has not been arrested, indicted or jailed.

But the man on the left has been indicted, arrested, handcuffed, fingerprinted, and now faces a possible five-year prison sentence. He is the distinguished scholar and man of letters, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. Another who was arrested and handcuffed is the well-known educator, Mrs. Elizabeth Moos.

What Desperate Crime Did They Commit?

They, along with Kyrle Elkin and Abbott Simon, established a Peace Information Center, published and distributed news and statements about peace from this country and abroad. They published, for instance, the exact texts of the International Red Cross Statement against the use of atomic warfare and the similar World Peace Appeal issued at Stockholm by famous intellectuals.

This was a real service for the American people, because these texts were not published by the U.S. press. A basic tenet of democracy is the free exchange of ideas.

But the Government caused the indictment of these people—and Sylvia Soloff, a clerical worker in their office—on the ground that they were "foreign agents."

Their trial, originally scheduled for May 14, has been postponed until Oct. 2. It should be dropped altogether. SPEAK UP IN PROTEST! SEND FUNDS FOR LEGAL DEFENSE!

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CALIFORNIA

FEP fight spreads; Calif. 'Eagle' sold

CALIFORNIA progressives had three targets at Sacramento: (1) push through a state fair employment practices law introduced by Assemblyman Rumford (Alameda Co.), one of the two Negro legislators; (2) support a resolution by Lester MacMillan (L.A.) memorializing Congress to stop troops at Korea's 38th Parallel and negotiate a settlement; (3) defeat witch-hunt bills requiring loyalty-oaths from all licensed professionals, including doctors, lawyers, teachers, barbers.

Late last month 600 delegates of labor, fraternal, political and peace groups joined in a people's lobby sponsored by the California Legislative Conference. The largest delegation (73) was from the Independent Progressive Party of Los Angeles Co.

The lobby took place at the crucial moment in the fight to save Willie McGee, and in that cause won support across all party lines. Johnny Evans (R-L.A.) told the lobby: "Hell, yes, you can use my name to help free McGee." Fifteen assemblymen agreed to urge Truman to intervene.

Peace News

We regret that lack of space prevents us from covering this week an outstanding event on the peace front: publication by the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) of the 64-page report **Steps to Peace.** All fighters for peace should acquaint themselves with the Quaker "working party's" findings and recommendations. The report, obtainable from AFSC at 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. (25c per copy) will be summarized here in an early issue.

BROTHERHOOD POLL: In Los Angeles IPP workers campaigning for fair employment distributed leaflets in front of the May department stores which refuse to hire Negroes, Mexicans or Nisei except as janitors and stock clerks. Horace Alexander heads the county's FEP committee.

The Florence IPP Club, headed by Mrs. Mabel Porter and James Burford, got a promise from one local storekeeper to hire a Negro cashier, won other stores in the area to a fair employment policy. A club petition for a fair employment practices law, called a "Poll for Brotherhood," has netted thousands of signatures. Five out of seven sign.

EAGLE'S CHANGE: After 40 years of an up-hill progressive fight, the **California Eagle,** influential Negro weekly, was sold. Mrs. Charlotta Bass, its founder, editor and owner, could no longer finance the paper out of her own funds. In her farewell editorial, she said:

> **After a rest I will be back and take up my place again in the never ending fight. I won't 'fade away.' I have many plans. And one of the most important will be to assist with every ounce of my strength in the building of that unity of Negro and white Americans without which our country cannot be safe and without which no one of us can be free.**

Sea cooks lay it on the line

UNITED despite CIO raiding and government harassment, the 5,000-member Marine Cooks & Stewards Union at its 50th birthday convention in San Francisco took uncompromising positions on civil liberties, jimcrow and peace in addition to demanding a 25% wage hike, 40-hour week, no wage freeze and defense of the hiring hall. Addressing the delegates were longshoremen's leader Harry Bridges (on maritime unity), actress Gale Sondergaard (who said of those who wilted before the Un-American Activities Committee: "The world eats him who makes himself a sheep"), and honorary MCS member Paul Robeson who said:

> **"The MCS exists today only because in our union there is unity of Negro and white. . . . In such an alliance we have everything to gain in terms of our future economic security."**

On "loyalty screening" the delegates (who took time out to picket San Francisco coastguard headquarters) resolved that if any one of them were blacklisted on return to his ship, "we will not sail until he is reinstated."

The union took these stands:

RED BAITING: Resolved that

> **. . . MCS calls on all members to recognize and be alert to the fact that red-baiting is an employer weapon. Any working man who uses it is a traitor to his own interest.**

CIVIL LIBERTIES: After calling for a fight to repeal the McCarran and Smith Acts, to abolish "contempt" prosecutions and "loyalty" orders, and generally and specifically to extend full equal rights to Negro citizens, the convention in a special resolution called for the right to union wages and conditions of 5,000,000 Spanish-speaking people in the U.S. now subject to special "exploitation and discrimination."

POLITICS: Resolved that

> **. . . We will oppose any candidate for any political office who does not take a public position on the legislative program adopted by this convention. . . . Labor must have a political party of its own, a party rooted among the workers, the minority people, small farmers and other groups who are for peace and progress.**

The peace resolution calling for an end to the Korean War and Big Five negotiation was passed overwhelmingly. A minority resolution in partial disagreement was voted down.

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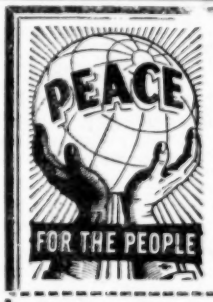

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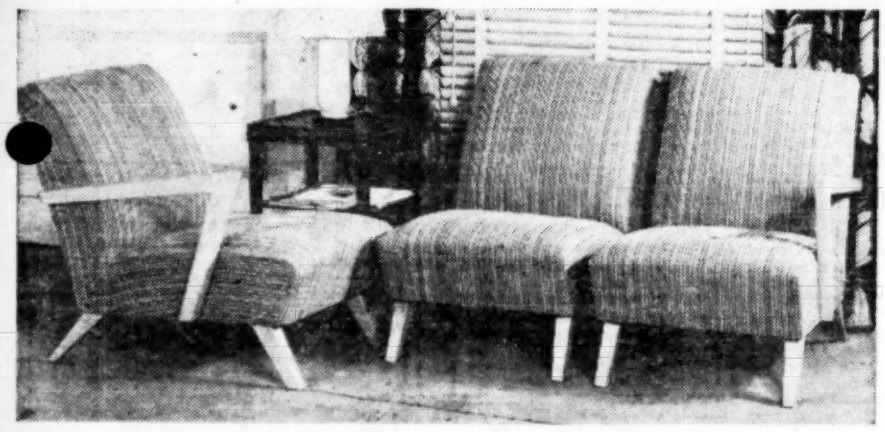

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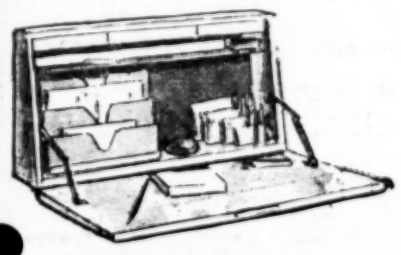

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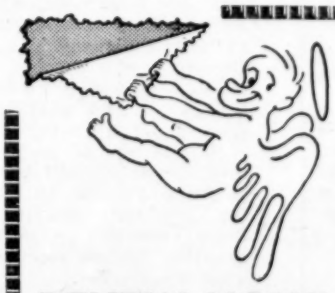

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